

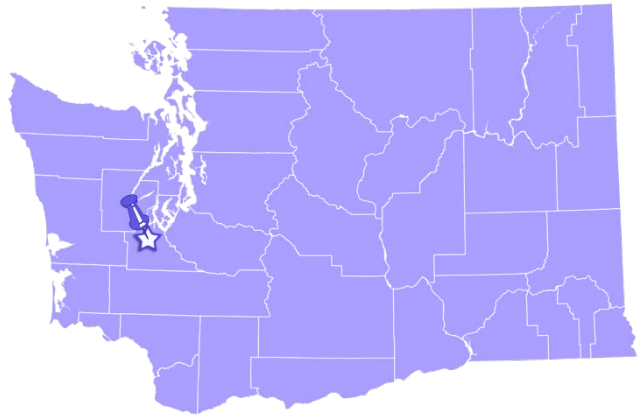
Internship Opportunity

What does JLARC offer?

Impact	Collaborate with JLARC staff to provide critical analysis and credible information to improve the management of government programs and help the Legislature identify public policy solutions.
Exposure	Opportunity to work for the Legislature as nonpartisan staff and participate firsthand in the public policy process. JLARC does not focus on a single policy area, so staff get to learn about many different areas across state government, ranging from tax policy to the state's management of natural resources.
Professional development	Work in a collaborative environment with intelligent, creative, and supportive colleagues. Studies use a variety of professional disciplines and analytical techniques to find answers including performance measurement, organizational structures, quantitative analysis, legal research, and budgeting and accounting practices.
Networking	Work with JLARC analysts and staff from other legislative and executive branch agencies to help answer some of the more complicated questions facing our state's lawmakers.

You may be working on more than one study focusing on very different areas of state government. This may include:

- ▶ Collecting and analyzing geographic data for a JLARC evaluation of state forest fire protection funding. This project may involve working with local government agencies to obtain data, cleaning and combining data in multiple formats, and analyzing the data using GIS software.
- ▶ Completing a literature review of large ecosystem recovery programs that will inform a JLARC evaluation about an environmental state agency. The review will consist of researching measurable outcomes of environmental projects, the structure and funding of monitoring programs, efficiency of implementing restoration actions, the use of adaptive management strategies, and evidence showing how effective the effort is. There may also be a chance to observe agency meetings, site visits, and project planning conversations.



Who are we?

JLARC works to make state government operations more effective, efficient, and accountable. The Committee is comprised of an equal number of House and Senate members, and equal number of Democrats and Republicans.

JLARC pursues its mission by conducting performance audits. This is not about “counting beans”—it is a tool for providing critical analysis and credible information to improve the management of government programs and help identify public policy solutions. Performance auditing involves assessing performance, evaluating results, and ensuring accountability.

Assignments to conduct studies are made by the Legislature and the Committee itself. Based on these assignments, JLARC’s nonpartisan staff auditors, under the direction of the Legislative Auditor, independently seek answers to audit questions and issue recommendations to improve performance.

JLARC’s work has received national recognition from groups such as the National Conference of State Legislatures and the Pew Center for the States as illustrative of “the superior program evaluation work being provided to state legislatures.”

What does JLARC look for in an intern?

- ▶ An appreciation for how objective, non-partisan analysis can assist with the policy making and oversight roles of a legislative body
- ▶ An ability to think analytically and to present information creatively
- ▶ Comfort with gathering and synthesizing both quantitative and qualitative information
- ▶ Strong communication skills in different media and in front of a variety of audiences
- ▶ Data management skills and familiarity with GIS
- ▶ Ability to work independently and as a member of a team
- ▶ Good judgment for how to work on sensitive issues with stakeholders that hold strong opinions

Period of Internship

Approximately April – September 2016

Hours per Week

30 to 40. We expect 75 percent of hours to be spent in Olympia, with telecommuting permitted for the other 25 percent.

Pay

\$20 per hour

Application Process

Send a cover letter and resume to **Marilyn Richter** at marilyn.richter@leg.wa.gov. This announcement is open until April 22 or until filled, but we will begin the reviewing and selection process as the applications are received. Early application is encouraged. For more information, visit: www.jlarc.leg.wa.gov.

